

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The office action of February 23, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Applicant hereby elects Group I without traverse. Claims 9-18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 19-26 have been added without adding new matter to the application. Claims 1-8 and 19-26 thus remain pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.


All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3153.

Respectfully submitted,

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